OPERATION LINCOLN

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 5–9 January 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Lincoln
Dates of Operation	050530H – 091200H January 1967 (2/5 after action report; previously listed as 4–9 January)
Mission Purpose / Objective	Search and destroy operation in Antenna Valley, in the southeastern part of the 2/5 TAOR, against a VC local force battalion and guerrillas.
Locations / Cities	Quang Duc Duc District; Antenna Valley; Quang Nam Province; staged from An Hoa; relay station at the Nong Son coal mine
TAOR	2/5 TAOR, An Hoa, Quang Nam Province; Antenna Valley
UTM Coordinates	Operating area bounded by AT 8544, AT 8536, AT 9341 and AT 9336 (sheets 6640 III and IV). Ambush on Company F at AT 865387. Company G at AT 884430 (5 Jan).
USMC Units Involved	2nd Battalion (-), 5th Marines (LtCol W.C. Airheart) with Company F (-) (Capt G.S. Burgett) and Company G (-) (Capt J.M. Gruner); Battery E, 2/11; engineer and scout teams.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company F; Company G. Company F (-) (Capt G.S. Burgett) and Company G (-) (Capt J.M. Gruner).
Mission Results	Enemy contacts involved 1 to 20 men, mostly sniper fire; one ambush, when Company F received about 400 rounds at AT 865387. The valley was flooded and many hamlets deserted; one hamlet at AT 924369 had been destroyed. A large rice cache was found. Company F returned overland to Nong Son and Company G and the command group to An Hoa on 9 January.
USMC KIA	Not stated for 2/5; light. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	9 evacuated (all causes). Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
Enemy KIA	Small numbers (partly illegible in the after action report)
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. The Combat After Action Report for Lincoln (2/5 Command Chronology, January 1967) lists only Companies F and G under the battalion command group. Hotel Company, under Capt Jerome J. Doherty, was in the An Hoa TAOR, and its next operation was Tuscaloosa on 24 January. Corrected dates: 5–9 January 1967. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company H. The record does not say whether Company E, H&S Company took part.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, January 1967, including the Combat After Action Report for Lincoln dated 12 January 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).